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1. THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVERT ART 381 TO "G" CONFIG UPON RECEIPT AND TO CONVERT ART 349 FROM "H" TO "G". BOTH CONVERSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE RECEIPT OF FY66 FIRST HALF FUNDING. #381 TO BE CHARGED TO SP-1926 AND #349 TO SP-1923.

2. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE CONVERSIONS, IT IS REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] RE-EVALUATE THE U-2G DESIGN FOR POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

A. THE PRESENT PROCEDURE FOR RETARDING THE THROTTLE, EXTENDING THE SPOILERS AND ROTATING THE YOKE, ALL OCCURRING IN THE FEW CRITICAL SECONDS BEFORE TOUCHDOWN, IS CONSIDERED TO BE MARGINAL AND DANGEROUS OPERATION. THE LIMITED MARGIN ALLOWED THE PILOT COULD BE CAUSE FOR POSSIBLE LOSS OR DAMAGE OF A U-2 AIRCRAFT IN AN OPERATIONAL SITUATION, WHICH COULD NOT BE AFFORDED. IF ADDITIONAL DRAG COULD BE INDUCED WITH A RESULTANT INCREASE IN THE REQUIRED ENGINE POWER TO COORDINATING OFFICERS

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THE CRITICAL LANDING POINT, I.E., EXTENDING THE SPOILERS ON THE FINAL APPROACH) THE IDEALIST CARRIER OPERATIONS COULD BE MADE ALMOST AS ROUTINE AS THE OTHER IDEALIST OPERATIONS.

B. WHAT EFFECTS HAVE THE MANY PRACTICE CARRIER-TYPE LANDINGS, ON THE NORTH BASE RUNWAY, HAD ON THE U-2G AIRCRAFT? HAS THIS UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF LANDINGS CAUSED ANY EFFECT ON THE FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE U-2G? IF THERE HAS BEEN AN APPRECIABLE EFFECT, HAS THERE BEEN A TENDENCY TO OVERSTRESS ANY PARTICULAR PART OF THE AIRCRAFT?

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C. IF AIRCRAFT OVERSTRESS SHOULD BE A CONSIDERATION, REQUEST [REDACTED] RECOMMENDATION AS TO MAX NUMBER OF LANDINGS PRIOR TO IRAN. WOULD A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF LANDINGS PER MLP SORTIE COMBINED WITH A REDUCED FUEL LOAD INCREASE THIS FIGURE?

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D. WHAT LIMITATIONS ARE PLACED UPON THE USE OF  
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